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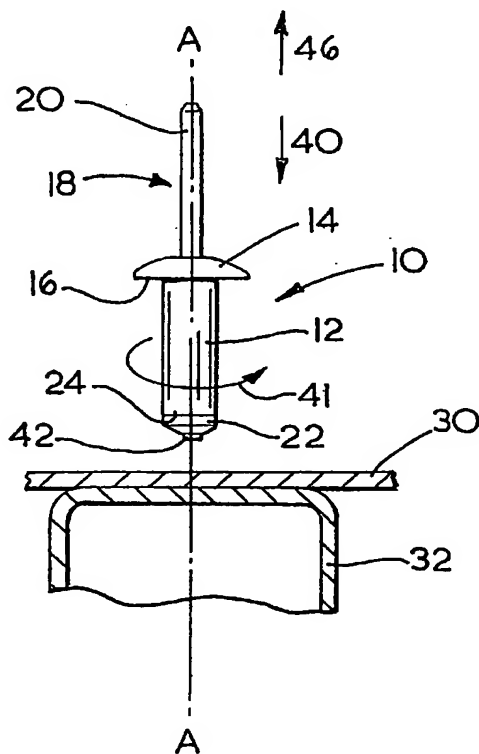
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comprises the steps of biasing a blind side end face of a blind rivet (10)  
against a workpiece (30) and subsequently effecting rotation (41) of the  
blind rivet (10) whilst in abutment with the workpiece (30) to create a  
heat weakened region of the workpiece through which the blind rivet  
(10) can subsequently be inserted by a biasing force less than a biasing  
force normally required to effect piercing of the workpiece (30, 32) by  
such a blind rivet (10).

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